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NEW YORK.

New Jersey Society's Picnic.

NATHAN COHEN DEAD.

News Brevities.

News items for this column should be sent direct to the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, Station M, New York.

A few words of information in a letter or on a postal card is sufficient. We will do the rest.

The New Jersey Deaf-Mute Society held its annual picnic and games at Baldwin Park, Jersey City, N. J., on Saturday, July 6th.

The New Jersey Deaf-Mute Society has nicely furnished quarters in Newark, N. J , and there all its business is transacted

As on other occasions the Society has held picnics in Jersey City and Hoboken, so that New Yorkers could more conveniently attend them.

In the afternoon a ball game between deaf-mutes of New Jersey and Brooklyn took place, but only three innings were played, as the New Jersey boys had things their own way, that is to say, they simply toyed with the Brooklyn players, who were not all from Brooklyn, but just a picked team to represent the "trolley dodger's" town. The score was 8 to 2 in favor of the New Jersey boys.

After the baseball game two events were carried out on the baseball field. The first was fifty yards run for ladies, and Miss Annie Jackson won with Miss Emma Donus a close second.

The second event for men was one-hundred-yards dash, and John Daubner came in first; Gus Thile, second; H. Miller was a very close third. The first and second were awarded prizes

At about five-thirty dancing began The dancing pavilion is large, and thus there was ample room for all to indulge in dancing.

At about seven o'clock there was about three hundred present, and they were still coming in steady streams, and it is fair to say that over five hundred must have attended from noon till ten o'clock. They came almost from every section of the State, but large numbers came from Greater New York, of which all the deaf-mute organizations were well represented.

The officers of the New Jersey Deaf-Mute Society are Chas. Cascella, President; Arthur L Thomas, Vice-President; John Black, Secretary: John B. Ward, Treasurer; Gustav Matzart, Marshall.

Mr. William Atkinson was Floor Manager, and was assisted by Mr. Gustav Matzart.

The Reception Commitee was composed of Arthur L. Thomas, John M. Black, John B. Ward, Fred Hering, Charles McManns, Wm. Waldron, Edward Manning, Morten Moses, A. D. Salmon, Edwin Heller, John E. Daubner, Arthur Ellison, Thomas Smuth and Geo. W. Schwing.

The success of the picnic is greatly due to R. M. Robertson (chairman) Albert Balamuth, William Dietrich, John Newcomb and Paul E. Kees, who worked with zeal before and during the day of the picnic.

The music was furnished by Prof. J. Emblem's Orchestra, and there were twenty-four dances on the programme, divided into two parts, and as far as we know nobody found fault with the music or anything else.

Among the out-of-town deaf-mutes present at the picnic, were: Mrs. Bartlett, of New London, Ct.; Miss Daniels, Guilford, Miss Jennie M. Chinery, of South Norwalk, Miss Edna R. Lockwood, and Miss Belle Lockwood, of Stamford; Mrs. Robert J. Martling, of Greenwich; Mrs. Abraham Marshall and Miss Edith H. Marshall, of Hawthorne, Ct.; Mrs. Leslie Marshall, of Portchester; Gabriel Frank, of Lansdowne, Pa.; Aaron Witmeyer, Stamford, Ct.

Mr. Nathan Cohen, one of the most famous deaf boy athletes in the United States, if not in the world, is dead. He died on Saturday, July 6th, and was buried the following day. About twenty deaf boys from Clark House formed in a funeral procession and walked to the cemetery, a half mile away. The only flowers came from contributions from Clark House and from the dead boy's comrades. Mr. William Greenbaum, of Albany, arrived in time to join the boys in line. Nathan Cohen's death was due to the attack of spinal meningitis. Resolutions were made after the funeral, and A. H. Enger, acting as chief, foretold that there should be a monument erected in honor of him in the near future. He was buried in the Hebrew Cemetery, at Silver Lake, Staten Island. President A. M. Lesser and his staff of officers from the Clark House were present. Nathan Cohen was Second Vice President

Mr. G Dayton Kinsey has recently purchased a new house in Richmond Hill, N. Y. The house is very artistically built, including the interior finish, all of which affords a comfortable dwelling. The location is a very beautiful one, overlooking the large and picturesque Forest Parkway and boulevard. Many of the above suggestions will prove the new home a most valuable and interesting one to the Kinsey family.

Messrs Wm. Lipgens, Frank Brown, Chas. Schindler and Richard Long, returned home to New York from Norfolk, Va, Sunday night. They attended the National Association of the Deaf Convention, and had an enjoyable trip to Jamestown Exposition, Old Point Comfort, Newport News, etc.

Christian E. Vernon arrived in this city July 5th. He had been in Buffalo since June 5th. He visited Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Crystal Beach, Olcott Beach and Toronto, and was present at both the reception and wedding of O'Rourke-Carroll.

Mr. Max Miller, the genial Secretary of the League of Elect Surds, on June 19th last, was present by his wife with a baby-boy. A party was held in honor of the newcomer on June 26th, and hereafter he will be known as Walter Miller.

An interesting personage was Mrs. A. Mercer, a deaf young lady, who never attended a deaf-mute school, yet is proficient both in lip-reading and the sign language. At one time she conducted a dry goods store in Jersey City

Charles Sanford at last has come out and made it known that on May last he was married to a Miss Davis, formerly of Ohio. With his bride he attended the New Jersey Deaf-Mute Society's picnic.

William Lynch and his father sailed for Europe last Saturday on the steamship "Umbria." Herman Heerdt was among many relatives and friends that saw them off. They return in October or November.

Miss Lillian Bullis, of Port Jervis, N Y., came all the way to attend the picnic, and mingled with her friends as gayly as when at school.

Among those present at the Sunday service at St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes, on July 7th, was Miss Wallace, of Providence, R. I.

CHURCH NOTICES.

St. Ann's Church, N. Y. Every Sunday at 3:15 P.M.

St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn. Every Sunday at 3 P.M.
July 28, Holy Communion.

JULY 14TH.
Gallaudet Home, 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion.

JULY 21ST.
Trinity Church, Newark, N. J., 3 P.M. Holy Communion.

JULY 28TH.
St. Paul's Church, Newburgh, 10:30 A.M. Holy Communion.
Gallaudet Home, 2 P.M.

INDIANA.

We regret very much to say what follows, but it has to be said. We feel that personal affairs should receive nore attention from us, and must therefore bid our readers good-bye. We have received loyal support from many quarters, and are very grateful therefor. In fact the moral support we have received has kept us at our task much longer than intended. The knocker, too, has done his part it keeping us in harness. There is nothing that adds more spice to this prosiac old world than the insane actions of that ever present species variously known as kicker, grouch, knocker, etc.

However, we will not quit without sending the items we have on hand. But sub-agents and correspondents are hereby notified that the Indiana agency, so far as it concerns us, is dead.

The following is taken from the Indianapolis *News*:—

"A car on the Rushville traction line ran down Emma Elva Baldwin, a deaf-mute, twenty seven years old, about a mile from her home on Churchman pike, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, killing her instantly. The woman was walking on the track. Motorman A L. Stewart, who was in charge of the car, said he whistled several times and rang his gong to warn the woman, and that he realized she was deaf too late to prevent running her down. The woman was terribly bruised. Passengers from the car hurried to her assistance, but she was dead before they reached her.

"Deputy Coroner Knox was unable to obtain the names of any witnesses to the accident, except motorman Stewart, who told the officer the circumstances of the case.

"Miss Baldwin was on her way to church when the accident ocurred and had her Bible under her arm She was not only deaf and dumb, but also had only one arm, the other having been lost in an accident some time ago. She had been accustomed to walking to church and usually chose the one of the double tracks on which cars would approach from the direction opposite to that which she was going. At the place where the accident occurred one of the tracks had been torn up and the woman was compelled to walk on the other one.

"James Baldwin, a brother of the woman, was killed last March. He was injured in a runaway at the Capitol Lumber Company's plant and died of his wounds. Mrs. Baldwin, his wife, accidentally or intentionally, it was never determined, took an overdose of poison the day when he was to be buried and also died. The aged parents of Baldwin and his sister, who was killed yesterday, are left childless by the second tragedy.

"Deputy Coroner Knox has begun an investigation of the case."

ELKHART.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Priestly, of Goshen were summoned to New Albany, Ind., last June 18th, on account of the death of the former's father. They have our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

William Yoder came home from school much disappointed, June 19th, from Indianapolis, after a flattering employment of only a few days' duration.

Henry D. Miller, of Middlebury, sold his "Hillside" farm of 80 acres for $4,800, June 14th. He has been crowded by the real estate sharpers who wants to sell him one of theirs.

Mr. Frank Hayes, of Elkhart, is suffering with rheumatism this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cavanaugh, of Wolcotville, are the happy parents of a girl baby, who came May 19th.

Earl Gowker, of Goshen, had an unpleasant experience by scorching recently with his motor-cycle when in an open country road, at a high speed. A pig challenged him a few hundred yards, then jerking the wheel sent him flying 27 feet ahead of his wheel. Fortunately he is only slightly bruised.

There was a party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Berg, at Michigan City, June 20th.

Next Sunday, June 30th, there will be a C. E. meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Swihart, of Suburn Junction, with Mr. Eugene A. McCullough as leader.

What kind of attractions in South Bend have been drawing Messrs. Clyde Meyers, of Syracuse, and Earl Gowker, of Goshen, there. Guess two pretty sisters are the IT.

Elkhart County had its C. E. Meeting at Mr. Elias P. Cripe's, of Goshen, Sunday, June 23d, with 27 deaf-mutes in attendance, 11 hearing people, 15 children. Mr. Eugene A. McCullough, of Butler, being the leader of the day, took his subject "Excuses," from Luke 14: "Please have me excused." Thos. Hanline added some thoughtful gems along on the same text. After closing prayer, led by Thos. Hanline, a vote was taken to the effect that Rev. Jasper J. Cross, of Waterford, will conduct our next C. E. Meeting at Wm. D Miller's, of Middlebury, July 21st.

Eugene A. McCullough spoke of his wish to have the three counties to have a joint meeting at Butler August 18th, and gave Henry D. Miller an invitation to lecture there, which was approved by the home C. E S.

Those in attendance were; Hart Whitemore, of Laporte; Misses Effie Heninger, Bertha and Florence Stuckey, and Lottie Huggart, all of South Bend; Howard Laingor, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs Thos Hanline, Mr. and Mrs. William Faukhouse, of Elkhart; Miss Zora Neff. of Kendallville, accompanied by Fletcher Sackett, of Ligonier; Clyde Meyer, of Syracuse; Chas. E. Neff, of Bristol; Mr and Mrs. Wm D. Markley, of Shipshewanna; Wm. Kredy, of County Infirmary; Earl Gowker and Elias P. Cripe, of Goshen; Messrs Wm. D. and Henry D. Miller and wives, all of Middlebury; Mr. and Eugene A. McCullough, of Butler.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Arnot, of South Bend, a daughter, June 20th. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Messrs. Foltz and Fuller, of Elkhart, were at the C. E Meeting too.

Gossip is to the effect that Mrs. Cadiac Berryman is spending her vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob N. Lowers, of Rome City

ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Mr S. De Young's sister, Mrs. Johnson's birthday fell on June 21st, and he decided to surprise her, so invited Mr. and Mrs. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. Borinstein and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Gibbs, Messrs C Ziegler, Oliver C Gibbs, G. Brown and Miss Sullivan, and others to go to her sister, Mrs. Demarest's beautiful home "Irondequoit Manor." A whole mile and a half lay between the cars and the house, and the party trudged bravely on in the hot sun, and the cool shade there was under such circumstances even more welcome. The sisters were more than surprised, and they added a bountiful supply of good things to those the guests had provided. After the dinner, that was fit for a king, and a good rest, they went sightseeing around the place and through the lovely twenty-two room house, and reached home by eventide, after having had a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Arthur Kingsbury and Miss Lena Loitz were made one June 26th. Congratulations.

Friends of Miss Carrolls, of this city, wish to congratulate her on her recent marriage.

Mrs. F. Riddell and Miss E. Keys have both but recently lost their father.

Mrs. J. C Lung has gone to Jamestown to the Exposition.

Congratulations to Miss A. McGowan, now Mrs. P. Morin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hockstuhl are now nicely settled on Wooden Street, and much pleased with their new home and every thing. Mrs. Hockstuhl is at present visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. Thompson, of Hunt, N. Y., and having a very enjoyable time.

Mr. N. Oliver has a good position as deliverer in a market here.

The deaf-mute Institution closed Friday, June 21st, and former pupils kept going there, so as to attend the alumni Saturday. By that day a large number had gathered and a meeting was held in the morning. Some of the officers were re-elected.

Mr. C. McLaughlin as President; Secretary, A. North; Treasurer, Mr. Eastman. A dinner was given to all. In the afternoon some went to the Park, others remained at the Institution, and when all had returned from the Park the picnic supper was given on the lawn, and the delicious ice-cream donated by Dr. Westervelt was greatly appreciated A voluntary collection was taken up and handed him for the supper, and he was indeed surprised. Those who had not helped with the noon work, gladly waited on table, (if that can be said for all were seated on the grass) and did the dishes.

A meeting of the Rochester Branch was called, and Miss L. Lauer elected President; Mrs. C Colgan, Vice-President; Mrs. Tifft (*nee* Olga Crane), Secretary; and A. North, Treasurer. Sunday A.M., a memorial service was held in honor of the late Mr. G. Sparks, and a beautiful tribute sent by Mrs. L Ellis. By Sunday afternoon the crowd of nearly one hundred dwindled down to about a dozen, and the most successful alumni meeting came to a close. All had a fine time, even though "Old Sol" did raise the air to baking temperature. Those present heartily thank Dr. Westervelt and all for making it so pleasant for them Among those who attended from out of town, were Mr. and Mrs. Tillbury and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Murray and son, Mr. and Mrs. Riddell and little girl, Mrs. Knox and baby boy, Mrs. Sparks and two children, Mr. and Mrs Whyland, Mr. Eastman, Mr. Kemp, Mrs. Elmore, Mrs. Bows, Miss N. Harris, Misses F. Thayer, E. Keyes, Mrs. Cornelius, Misses Koglin, Flynn, Humphrey, Messers Meagher, Oliver, Sterling, Weil, Haenszel, Bromwich, Denson, Buck, and Julier.

It is hoped next year that even more will come And although this last gathering was the largest we have had, we expect that next year will far exceed this of 1907.

ROME, N. Y.

July 1—The closing exercises of the Rome School, Tuesday, June 11th, was witnessed by the usual interested assemblage. The various classes giving demonstrations showing what they have learned during the past school term. The chapel was tastefully decorated with the Institution colors, buff and green; also evergreens, flowers and ferns.

The *Register* having suspended publication for the summer months, it is gratifying to its readers that the JOURNAL will continue to make its weekly journeys to its deaf patrons, who will thus continue to be supplied with vacation happenings and notes of the resident deaf of various localities.

Miss Mary J. Stevens is visiting friends in Syracuse, Auburn and Buffalo.

Saddie M. Cames and folks have returned from a three years' sojourn in Sunny California. Saddie is said to be in town, but little is seen of her.

Mr. Eddy recently sold his garden plot adjacent to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Evan W. Crans.

Jennie Lilley spent a recent Sunday with Cora Starkings, who lives about a mile from the Custodial Asylum.

June, the month of roses, brides and sweet girl graduates, has come and gone, and the National Press will now give us other topics to read and discuss

The recent marriage of Miss Anna McGowan and Philip Morin was a great surprise to friends in this vicinity, though not wholly unexpected. Here's wishing them health, wealth and prosperity, and may both live long and happily.

We would like to inquire of the weather man why it rains most every Saturday and Sunday, while the rest of the week is sunny and pleasant

The writer is frequently asked why she does not contribute oftener to the columns of the deaf press—her answer is the same to one and all—lack of opportunity and time. She is a busy little woman, whose time is wholly engrossed with her present occupation, sewing. But she will contrive to lay aside her needle now and then for the pen, and send a batch of news items from this locality.

TIGER LILY.

Rev. M. R. McCarthy, S.J., Honored by His Silent Friends.

The celebration in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood of Rev. M. R. McCarthy, S J., filled to overflowing, Sunday, June 30th, the Sodality hall of St. Francis Xavier's College, in which the exercises occurred, with representatives of all the societies over which Father McCarthy has presided as spiritual adviser and director for the past five years.

On Monday, June 28th, 1897, Father McCarthy received Holy Orders at the hands of His Eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons, in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Woodstock, Md.

Five years later he was appointed director of St. Francis Xavier's Mission to the Deaf.

The enthusiasm that prevailed and hearty well wishes expressed by the speakers, and the many congratulatory epistles received through the mail, attested beyond doubt the high esteem in which the reverend gentleman is held by his silent friends, and spoke volumes for the success which has attended his labors in their behalf.

The committee in charge, Miss Teresa McCarthy, Miss Emily Hopping, Miss Louisa M. Cathor, and Miss Emma Gallagher, are to be congratulated on the success attending the celebration and presentation to Father McCarthy of a breviary, a handsome cloak, numerous spiritual boquets, exquisitely handpainted and bound, and a deluge of floral boquets.

The programme was as follows, at the conclusion of which Father McCarthy expressed his deep appreciation of the good-will of his silent friends:—

Presentation Address—Mr. John F. O'Brien.

Presentation—Miss Mattie Moorehouse.

Oh! love that is deep and deathless,
Oh! faith that is strong and grand,
Oh! hope that will shine forever,
O'er the wastes of a weary land!
Christ's heart finds an earthly heaven
In the palm of the priest's pure hand.

Ode—By Misses Cathor, M. Lamberson, K. Lamberson, Murray, Staus, Sommers.

With hearts full of gladness, we greet you to-day,
And beg you to listen to what we would say:
'Tis ten years, God blessed you with words kind and sweet,
He also then bade you—"Go feed my lambs and sheep."
Within a few years you came as our guide,
And as our friend you shall e'er be our pride.
To you we look for a helping hand,
When others oft against us stand.
In sorrow and trouble we've looked to you for aid,
And with consoling words great relief you gave.
So, Father dear, with grateful hearts,
We pour forth the feelings which gratitude imparts;
And pray that God spare you for years to come.
Until 'tis done—the noble work begun,
When at last, all your labors ended,
Our Lord shall call account of work rendered.
Then shall the heavens rejoice to hear Him say—
"Thou hast served me well, receive thy crown for aye!"
—*L. M. Cathor.*

Address—Mr. J. O'Donnell, of St. Joseph's Institute, Westchester.

Te Deum—Misses McCarthy, Keogh, Power, McDermott, Wazensky.

Addresses—Miss Norie Joyce, President Children of Mary, New York; Mr. John F. O'Brien, President Xavier Ephpheta Society; Mr. Hugo Schmidt, President Xavier Club, New York; Mr. Julius Kickers, President St. Peter's Union, Jersey City; Mr. James Gaffney, President Brooklyn De l'Epee Society; Rev. Thomas White, S.J., Thomas Grogan, Rev. Mr. J. J. A. Murphy, Rev. Mr. E. A. Loehr.

Master of Ceremonies—Mr. James F. Donnelly.

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St. Thomas Mission, St. Louis.

Christ Cathedral Chapel, 13 and Locust Sts.

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Sunday Services at 10:45 A.M.

Sunday School at 10 A.M.

Week-day meetings at 8 P.M., on first and third Fridays and fourth Wednesday, in the Parish House.

NEW ENGLAND.

[Any New England News or business for the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL may be sent to Geo. C. Sawyer, 93 W. Seldon St., Mattapan, Mass.]

With the arrival of the hot wave, Boston seems to be deserted by the deaf, who have either flown to the country or seashore for relief.

The services at St. Andrew's Mission will be open all summer, as usual, though the preacher finds a small attendance. The Boston Society will be closed until September.

It is reported that the Trustees of Trinity Church have given the St. Matthew's Mission notice to seek quarters elsewhere. Rev. Mr. Searing has been looking for a room in other churches, but so far has been unsuccessful.

Cards were received for the wedding of Miss Lillian Maud Thompson and George Elmwood Fister, at St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, Me., Wednesday afternoon, June 26th. They will make their home at 4 Pepperille Block, Biddeford, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Roberts went to their summer home at Newcastle, N. H., two weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Haynes, their three children and the family cat, sailed away for the Pine Tree State, where they will spend the summer. Mrs. J. J. McNeill went along with them for a week or two, as a companion to Mrs. Haynes, until her husband begins his vacation. A jolly party went down to the wharf, and gave them a royal send-off.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sinclair have the sympathy of their friends in the death of their little son rerently.

Daniel Cantlin, of Lynn, spent the glorious Fourth at his boyhood home in Winchester, N. H. He has not visited the old home for several years.

Mr. Jerry Ryan has been in Concord, N. H, on business, and then went to Winchester, N. H., to join his wife, who has been visiting her sister there since June 1st. They spent the Fourth there.

All Beverly folks have flown out of the coop, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill, who are still at home.

Mr. and Mrs S. S Cross and daughter have gone to Bangor, Me, to spend the summer.

Mrs. P. S. Bowden has gone to Philadelphia, to stay until the school opens in September.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rutherford bid farewell to Beverley on July 6th, and went to New York, where they will make their home. Mr. Rutherford's son and daughter Elizabeth, came from New York with her four children to help Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford move.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thumith and daughter are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Thumith's mother, in Franklin, N. H.

Miss Edith and Clara Sawyer are spending their vacation with relatives in the Pine Tree State.

Rev. Mr. Searing and little daughter have been visiting his mother at Saratoga, N. Y. Rev. Mr. Searing has been in poor health for several months, and will probably be granted several months' vacation, so that he may take a trip West.

Mr. E. W. Frisbee's mother, who has suffered a great deal for the past few years, is now so low as to be continually confined to her bed.

G. C. S.

PRESBYTERIAN NOTICE.

MADISON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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REV. HENRY SLOANE COFFIN, *Pastor*

Afternoon service, at 3.30 P.M.

Bible Class meets at 4 o'clock.

Reading Room and Gymnasium open to the members and their friends every Friday, from 8 to 10 P.M.

Rev. F. C. Smielau after July 15th will be at home at 1025 Rural Avenue, Williamsport, Pa., where he removed last week.

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"He's true to God who's true to man:
Wherever wrong is done
To the humblest and the weakest
'Neath the all-beholding sun,
That wrong is also done to us,
And they are slaves most base,
Whose love of right is for themselves,
And not for all the race."

DURING the past ten days events have occurred that will have a far-reaching influence upon the advancement of the interests of the Deaf.

The first of these was the meeting of the Alumni of Gallaudet College. Never before since the history of the world began has there been gathered together so large a number of the highly educated deaf And the orderly intelligence which regulated the proceedings and side features of the meeting, is deserving of special commendation.

At the Alumni gathering, there was sprung upon the members by the auburn-haired Veditz the startling proposal to raise an endowment fund of a million dollars. Several sank back in their seats and gasped. But after Mr. Veditz had set forth the plans and possibilities of the project, there were very few who were not sanguine that it could be successfully accomplished.

There was another project hatched that, if it be realized, will have an almost undreamed of effect upon higher education. We do not refer to the decision to raise the College standard, but to something that for the present the promoters do not desire to divulge.

The convention of the National Association of the Deaf at Norfolk, Va., immediately following the Alumni meet, resulted in a big representation of the college men.

Readers can judge from the extended report of the proceedings printed in this issue, whether or not it was "worth while." From this writer's point of view, it was the best convention that the Association has ever held. In active, energetic work; in far-seeing suggestion; in enthusiastic interest concerning its plans and projects for the good of the Association as well as for the general good; it certainly was a convention to be proud of. There is a difference of opinion as to the wisdom—or justice—of limiting the number of members of the Executive Committee, but that is something for consideration in the year 1910. The action upon the Civil Service restrictions, and the measures that are to be taken to secure an endowment fund, are sure to have beneficial results.

For the hospitality of the Southerners, led by the indefatigable Ritter, every one had words of praise. It is certain that there could not be found anywhere a better local committee than served this convention.

The presence and wise remarks of the famous deaf-mute sculptor, Douglas Tilden, had an inspiring effect.

But the star of both gatherings was the mercurial Veditz. In all our experience at conventions throughout more than a quarter of a century, we have never seen exemplified such personal magnetism, indomitable purpose and political finesse.

NORFOLK, VA.

Eighth Convention of the National Association.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Papers Presented--Resolutions Adopted -- Officers Elected, Etc.

The first session of the Eighth Meeting of the National Association of the Deaf was opened in the Y. M. C. A. building hall, Norfolk, Va., at 10 A.M, Thursday, July 4th, with about three hundred and fifty in attendance, with Mr. G. W. Veditz, of Colorado, presiding, and Rev. J. H. Cloud, of St. Louis, recording.

Rev. J. M. Michaels made the invocation, all joining him in the Lord's prayer.

Mrs. Stewart, of Michigan, upon request of the president, gave a beautiful and inspiring rendition of "America," in signs.

The Secretary then read the call of the Convention.

Mr. W. C. Ritter was called upon to extend welcome to the members to the Old Dominion State. He presented a gavel in behalf of Mrs. Bagby, of Richmond, to the Association. The Secretary was requested to extend the thanks of the Association to Mrs. Bagby for the gift.

Mr. Ritter then spoke as follows:

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Convention:

On behalf of the deaf people of this commonwealth, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Virginia.

I welcome you to the State of Washington, the valor of whose arms gave you the Flag, upon which, this day, the sun never sets.

I welcome you to the State of Jefferson, who gave you the Declaration of Independence, which you and our fellow citizens in every clime this day remember.

I welcome you to the State of Monroe, who gave the Western Hemisphere the priceless Doctrine, that *might* shall not crush *right*.

The deaf people of Virginia feel highly honored to have you gather within our borders. We trust that the sessions of the convention may be mutually beneficial.

Mr. President, on behalf of Mrs. George W. Bagley, of Richmond, Va., I present the National Association of the Deaf with this gavel, in memory of the donor's deceased brother, Prof. H. M. Chamberlayne, who was one of the State's most honored deaf citizens and for many years a teacher in the school at Staunton.

The gavel is a small part of one of the mighty monarchs of the forest that stood upon Jamestown Island, the birthplace of this nation.

With Principal John E. Ray interpreting, Mr. Clayton Wyand, of Maryland, made a lengthy and eloquent address in behalf of the deaf of the South. Dr. Thomas F. Fox represented the East, in an address replete with energetic suggestion. Prof. Albert Berg, of Indiana spoke for the Middle West.

Mr. Douglas Tilden, the distinguished deaf-mute sculptor, was invited to the platform, and spoke with much fervor upon the helping hand extended San Francisco by all the cities and States during the terrible earthquake and fire a little over a year ago. He favored a federation of societies of the deaf. He thought vigorous action should be taken concerning the Civil Service rule, which debars the deaf from examinations for appointments. He praised the great work of Dr. Edward Miner Gallaudet. He thought it always proper for the individual to show what he can do and to strive for prominence, as his example always helped his brethren who were deaf.

Dr. Burt, Principal of the Western Pennsylvania Institution, was called for a few remarks and accepted.

Supt. John E. Ray, of North Carolina, came forward and spoke felicitously.

President Veditz at this juncture delivered his address:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Association:—We are now met auspiciously for the eighth time in national convention. All the conventions of the past are milestones on our march of progress, and several of them were held in a setting of environment and circumstance that aided to make them imperishable memories to those who were so fortunate as to attend.

The Third Convention saw us assembled at Washington to witness the dedication of the greatest expression of love and gratitude in the history of the Ameaican deaf—the Gallaudet Memorial.

The Fourth Convention was held amid the splendors of the Columbian Centenary at Chicago, and the seventh and last during the Louisiana Purchase celebration at St. Louis.

But none of these gatherings can possibly surpass in local historical interest our present meeting. Our nation's cradle was rocked almost within sight of these windows. Yorktown, with its patriotic association, is scarcely more distant. The waters of Hampton Roads reverberated with the roar of what was in certain respects the greatest naval battle of not only modern, but of all times. History, not only for our nation, but for the world at large has been made here, and the neighborhood is hallowed by association with many of the greatest and best men, who have given vigor to our national life.

We are assembled for the first time, also, on the soil of the South. Our Southern brethren are gathered in force, and those of us who are have come from afar—from North and East and West—have surrendered to their chivalric hospitality.

But there are other factors aside from this local setting that should make the coming convention memorable for far-reaching and long-enduring influence. I believe it will be more largely a *working* convention, though only a scant three days are allotted, than perhaps any convention of the past. The reports of the committees and other business that will occupy our attention are well worth earnest consideration, discussion, and time.

I would first call your attention to the report of the Committee on Federation.

From the first the founders of our Association have never been satisfied as to its composition and character. All felt that it was more of a local and less of a national organization, that its conventions were colored more than they should be, by the soil on which they were held.

But while they thus felt that something was wanting, no remedy was offered. The present Committee on Federation in its report, ventures to present what it believes will be a solution of the problem. Alterations and improvements in phraseology and other such minor considerations will suggest themselves, but the fundamental idea of making the Association a great national federation of State associations, instead of a fluctuating union of individuals should be preserved.

The convention here assembled has it within its power to transform the Association from the bantling that it has so far been, to a giant possessed of virile vigor, and the ability to dare and accomplish things worthy of a national organization.

I would urge that no adjournment be taken until this question of federation has been satisfactorily disposed of.

At my request several amendments to the present constitution and by-laws have been offered, in the form of motions duly seconded, and have been published in the deaf-mute press, as required by the Constitution. These amendments are intended to cover deficiencies in our present laws, and should be passed upon, as they will be effective until the Articles of Federation, should you see fit to adopt them, become operative.

The one dealing with the composition of the Executive Committee, especially deserves definite action. Time and again attention has been called to the undemocratic, misrepresentative, incongruous and unwieldy composition of the Committee, and your convention will merit the thanks of the Association should it enact the remedy suggested in the proposed amendments

I would respectfully urge for your consideration another feature that I believe has never been touched upon in the past.

The Association has always been weakened by lack of funds. There are a thousand things it should and would undertake in order to promote the welfare of the American deaf, but which it conld not simply because it lacked the needed money.

What we need above everything else in an

ENDOWMENT FUND.

I do not mean a fund of a few thousand dollars that will yield an income of a few hundreds. I mean an endowment fund of one hundred thousand dollars, or more, invested safely and perpetually, that will furnish us with an income of from four to five thousand dollars each year. Thus armed we could meet the enemy, whoever it might be, at the gate without fear of falling in an unequal combat.

It will interest you that I have already begun the endeavor to raise such a fund. I have appealed to Andrew Carnegie, Mrs. Russell Sage and John D. Rockefeller. My letters to the first two were acknowledged, that to Mr. Rockefeller returned. I subjoin my letter to Mr. Carnegie, in order to give an idea of my conception of the desired fund:

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE,
New York,

DEAR SIR:—May I call your attention to the National Association of the Deaf? This organization has representation in thirty-five States of the Union. It is designed to promote the welfare of the deaf at large. Of these there are eighty thousand in this country, all bound together by the tie of one common affliction—deafness.

This Association has been in existence twenty-seven years. It has never received a beneficiary bequest or endowment of any kind. All the money it has ever had has come from membership fees.

But with an adequate endowment fund it could accomplish many desirable things. For instance, it could establish a lecture bureau, which could send out speakers versed in the language of signs to all the large cities of the country, and give intellectual pleasure and profit to hundreds of the deaf in each centre; it could publish and distribute literature concerning the deaf; it could place neatly framed copies of the manual alphabet in reading rooms, hospitals, and similar places, where people could put in an idle hour learning it with benefit to themselves and the deaf; it could send deaf-mutes endowed as artists to special schools or even abroad; it could establish and maintain cots for the deaf in the hospitals in large cities, or provide for the aged and indigent deaf.

Surely, Mr. Carnegie, a fund that could accomplish such objects must meet with your approval. Could not you establish such a fund? Your large-hearted generosity has become proverbial.

Surely you can not say *no* to such an appeal.

The fund might be known as the "Carnegie Fund of the National Association of the Deaf." Such conditious might be attached that the principal—invested by yourself—should be held perpetually in trust; that the income only should be used; that no portion of this income should go to salaries of officers of the Association; that all disbursements should be made only on requisitions signed by three (or five) trustees. As such trustees I would suggest three of our most distinguished members—Dr. Thomas Francis Fox, of New York, Dr. James L. Smith, of Faribault, Minnesota, and the Rev. John W. Michaels, of Little Rock, Ark. Those gentlemen are all deaf, of spotless integrity, and can be depended upon to carry out the provisions of the Fund to the letter.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of the proceedings of our last convention held at St. Louis in 1904. It will give you some idea of the work and aims of our Association.

Will you not please give this appeal your favorable consideration? Such a fund is greatly needed, for as I have stated, the adult deaf of America have never received an endowment of any kind. It will be truly national in its scope. I assure you that not one of your many benefactions will bring a nobler retinue of prayers and blessings in its wake.

Our next convention will meet at Jamestown, Va., July 4th, 5th and 6th next. Will you not place me in a position to announce that you have established such a fund? Will you not come yourself? It would be a very great honor to have with us one who is doing so much good to his fellow-men

Yours most faithfully,
G. W. VEDITZ,
President National Association of the Deaf.

I do not yet despair of hearing definitely and favorably from one or the other of these philanthropists but I would suggest, as a better and more satisfactory means of enlisting their interest, that a committee be appointed to secure a date and to wait upon them personally as specially appointed representatives of the Deaf.

I would also suggest the appointment of a committee—not a mere "committee on paper"—but an active, enthusiastic and zealous committee, to be known as the "Committee on the Endowment Fund," that can face rebuff and disappointment, and make the accumulation of an adequate fund its one aim in life. The end will well justify the time, effort and sacrifice required. The hearty and active co-operation of each individual member of the Association will be needed. Why not make a beginning right here in Norfolk? I shall be glad to head the list with a subscription of ten dollars.

If each adult deaf-mute in the United States could be induced to contribute five dollars to such a fund we should reach the one hundred thousand dollar mark at a bound. I believe the benefits that will accrue to the deaf at large, well worth this individual contribution to "the good of the cause." In time of war and subscription the people of a nation give of their best, and often give their all, including life itself. I fear the American deaf will, before long, be confronted with the gravest dangers. We are virtually interested in the problems of the education of the oncoming generations of the deaf, of the children of to-day who will be the adults of to-morrow, and any method, any process of education that at all tends to stunt the development mentally and morally of these future adults, and thus to debase their standard as citizens and human beings, should arouse all our resentment and all our capacity of self-sacrifice in the battle for the preservation for the deaf, of the just and inalienable right of a rational method of education.

An endowment fund, such as I have outlined will enable the Association to take an aggressive stand, not only in this but all matters germane to its great purpose—the general welfare of the deaf—and I would bespeak your earnest consideration of the subject.

There is another matter in which we are vitally interested, and that should engage our attention. I refer to the old spectre of the greatest menace yet offered to the happiness of the educated adult deaf—the proposition to forbid or restrict their intermarriage.

The investigations of Luther Burbank in the world of vegetation have directed attention to the feasibility of improving by selection, not only animals but also the human race. In regard to man, the argument advanced is that by this process the race can be so improved mentally, morally and physically, that in time, that state of perfection which we have been taught existed before the Fall, will again be attained.

The American Stock Breeder's Association last autumn decided to frame a bill for the restriction of matrimony, with the purpose outlined in view and to introduce this bill into the legislatures of all the States of the Union. A committee called the "Committee on Eugenics" which, by the way means the breeding of fine stock, animal or human, was appointed to draft the bill and to prepare the way for its passage by the dissemination of scientific literature on the subject.

The Chairman of the Committee is our friend, Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. The other menbers are Professor Henderson, of the department of sociology of the University of Chicago; Dr. Charles Woodruff and Mr. C. W. Ward, of New York; and the Rev. J. E. Gilbert, of Washington, D.C.

Those whose marriage it is proposed to prevent are:

1. Persons mentally, morally or physically defective.
2. Criminals.
3. Immature children.
4. People of plainly incompatible dispositions.
5. Consumptives.
6. Persons suffering from functional disorders.
7. The deaf and dumb.

It is evident that the one person upon whom we must cast the odium of having haled the deaf into this category is Dr. Bell, whom his wealth has rendered the most powerful, and his hobby-riding propensity the most subtle, because he comes in the guise of a friend, and therefore the most to be feared enemy of the American deaf past or present.

Though, I believe that this Committee on Eugenics is based on correct physical and sociological lines as regards certain of the classes enumerated, though the whole scheme exists, so far, on paper, and is merely as yet a threat, still I would call upon this convention to express itself in indignant protest against thus grouping the deaf with the outcast and unclean, and against thus proposing to deprive them of the greatest happiness that the Creator has vouchsafed to mortal man this side of Eden—the happiness to be found nowhere but at one's own hearthstone, under one's own vine and fig-tree; nowhere but in the bosom and privacy of one's family. I would suggest that a committee be appointed to confer with this Committee on Eugenics, and endeavor to induce them to remove the deaf from this humiliating and unjust classification, for it should be understood, once and for all, that the aim is not merely to prohibit the inter-marriage of the congenitally deaf, but the marriage of any deaf person with any other person whatsoever. The mere fact of deafness is designated as constituting the disability prohibiting marriage.

Another matter, whose investigation should be germane to the aim and objects of our Association—the general welfare of the deaf—is the discrimination that has lately arisen against the employment of the deaf in the Civil Service. I need not emphasize the magnitude of the interests to the deaf, as a class involved. Once let the government brand deafness as a disability that renders us ineligible for its service and it will not be long before the prejudice will spread among employers at large. It is a rank and unjust discrimination, and should be removed at the earliest possible moment. A committee that will take up the matter intelligently, insistently and energetically, is what is required by the emergency of the case.

I have nothing further to which to call your attention. The reports of the officers and of the various standing committees other than those mentioned, will merit careful consideration.

Introduction of President E. M. Gallaudet by the president of the Association was a most fitting one. This is the first time he has attended a meeting, and when Dr. Gallaudet came upon the platform the audience rose *en masse* amid clapping of hands and waving of handkerchiefs. The mere mention of his name seems to send an electric thrill through the deaf.

The president introduced Mrs. Ritter, of Virginia, who in the following words presented Dr. Gallaudet a picture of Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, in behalf of the Association:

DR. GALLAUDET:

Our Dearly Beloved Friend:—The National Association of the Deaf requests me to present to you this likeness of your dear brother, the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, who so long labored among the deaf people. The Association presents you this picture as a slight token of its love and high regard.

Mr. Ritter explained that the committee had not been able to decide as to the official photographer, and left the matter to the Association. He recommended Mr. Pach for the place.

The President announced the following Committee on Resolutions: Dr. Thomas F. Fox, New York; J. W. Michaels, Virginia; A. B. Greener, Ohio; Albert Berg, Indiana; Clayton Wyand, Maryland.

The Enrollment Committee: N. F. Morrow (*Chairman*), R. C. Miller, J. H. Heeke, J. A. Branflick, J. C. Winemiller.

Recess was then taken till 2 P.M. to allow the enrollment committee to get in its work. Just previous to this Mr. Ritter, of Virginia, urged upon the South to come forward and show their patriotism by joining the Association, and the edict was effectual, for the boys and girls from the South stepped forward and planked down the $1 and received their badge.

After the Enrollment Committee had completed its work, the members repaired to the court-house lawn where Mr. Pach took 'em in a group with his camera.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Members were slow getting back from dinner, and it was after three o'clock when the afternoon's business began, the attendance being considerably less than at the morning meet.

The ladies, bless them, are out in full force, and the majority are of the younger generation. The convention has had prominent educators of the deaf present. Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, of New York; Principal Burt, of Western Pennsylvania; John E. Ray, of North Carolina; E. P. Clarke, of Rome; and several others. Of old timers there are few. Mr. S. J. Vail, of Indiana, is probably the oldest.

Regret is expressed by many that Messrs. Patterson and McGregor, of Ohio, are absent.

Mrs. Henry W. Syle, of Philadelphia, is an interested onlooker.

Rev. D. Moylan, of Maryland, invoked the Divine blessing upon the afternoon proceedings.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 3, 1907.

Greetings to the Convention of the National Association of the Deaf with this sentiment: Education of the deaf a bounden duty of the State, as a matter of right and justice, not of sympathetic benevolence and charity. We are living in the Twentieth Century. R. O. JOHNSON.

Mr. Morrow, of the Enrollment Committee, read the list of members. It took quite a while to do this, and as it is a task, it would be just as well to omit that part from the proceedings, especially when the weather is of the sultry kind. By the report it was found two hundred and fifty-one had become or were members of this Convention.

Mr. Morrow, as Treasurer of the Association gave the total receipts to June 12th, 1907, as $801.44; expenditures, $765 89; balance on hand, $35.55.

The president appointed Messrs. Allabough, Wyand and Long, to audit the report.

Nominations for president being in order, Mr. Ritter moved the re-election of Mr. Veditz to the office. Seconded by Mr. Greener.

Mr. Codman moved Rev. J. H. Cloud. Seconded by Mr. Long, of Iowa.

Mr. Gray moved Mr. Douglas Tilden. Seconded by Mrs. Barrett, of Iowa.

The tellers were Messrs. Heyman, Miller and Joseph H. Heeke.

The election of president and the other officers resulted as follows:

OFFICERS.

President—George W. Veditz, of Colorado.

First Vice-President—J. Wm. Michaels, of Virginia.

Second Vice-President—C. C. Codman, of Illinois.

Third Vice-President—A. L. Pach, of New York.

Fourth Vice-President—Mrs. J. M. Stewart, of Michigan.

Secretary—W. C. Ritter, of Virginia.

Treasurer—J. S. Long, of Iowa.

The meeting then adjourned till Friday morning.

Thursday evening most of the members of the convention went down the bay, on the steamer "Rosadale," touching the Exposition grounds and passing near the various warships. The sight was magnificent from afar, especially the illuminated fighting vessels, and the grounds with their thousands of electric lights. Then the sea breeze was cool and invigorating, and every one who went pronounced the trip a most delightful one.

FRIDAY, JULY 5TH.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION IN AUDITORIUM, JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION GROUNDS.

It was 10:45 when President Veditz called the meeting to order. About one hundred and fifty were in attendance. Rev. J. H. Cloud offered prayer.

Pesident Veditz announced the inability of the Governor of Virginia to be present, also stated he had asked the President of the United States, but other engagements made it impossible; he, however sent his greetings to the members.

Lieutenant-Governor Ellison was introduced then, and in a short speech welcomed the members to the State, and wished them a pleasant and profitable sojourn here.

Superintendent Ray, of the North Carolina School, is doing the interpreting.

MRS. O'Rourke, of Buffalo, read this message from Cardinal Gibbons:—

CARDINAL'S RESIDENCE,
408 N. CHARLES STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD., June 4, 1907.

To the National Association of the Deaf, Assembled in Convention at Norfolk, Va.:—One of the greatest manifestations of the beneficent influence of Christianity is to be seen in the affectionate care shown towards those whom Divine Providence in his inscrutable ways has not blessed with those faculties which are usually the natural heritage of man. This is the miracle which our Divine Lord adduced as a proof of his Divine Origin. It is a living miracle perpetuated to-day in attestation of the Divine Origin of Christianity. When asked if he were the Messiah or not, by the Disciples of John the Baptist, Our Lord replied "Go and relate to John what you have heard and seen. The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead rise again, the poor have the gospel preached to them."

Yours truly,
JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS,
Archbishop of Baltimore.

A paper—"The Future of the American Deaf," was then read by its author, Mr. George W. Veditz, of Colorado.

Following came a paper by Mr. Alexander L Pach, of New York, on "The Deaf in Organizations of the Hearings *vs.* Organizations of their Own."

[Already having Mr. Pach's paper in type, we give it space in full.]

The Deaf in Organizations of the Hearing vs. Organizations of their Own.

(BY ALEX. L. PACH.)

To Josh Billings is attributed the saying that "he didn't care how much a man said, so long as he said it in a few words."

This is my position in the matter of Convention papers. My topic is rich in possible interminable arguments, but I am only going to say a few words.

This topic suggested itself to me as a good one for discussion for the National Association, because of the prominence recently given to Mr. Wyand and his becoming a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Other organizations having ironclad prohibitive rules against members lacking in any of the senses have been broken into. My own experience was with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In 1890 I was asked to become a "frater," and my application went through all right, and I was duly elected; but just after my name had been voted on, one of the legal experts in the Chapter I was joining read the prohibited restrictions, among which were deafness in the applicant being cause for rejection forthwith.

The delegates from my lodge to the Grand Lodge Convention at Detroit brought the matter up there, and it happened that the Exalted Grand Ruler was Col. Edwin B. Hay, a prominent Washington, D. C., lawyer, and famous, also, as a handwriting expert. Col. Hay had, in the early days of Gallaudet College, been concerned in some department of instruction there, and knew the deaf thoroughly. He addressed the Grand Lodge on the absurdity of the restriction, and when it came to a test vote there were none against it.

On the return of our delegates I was initiated, and, soon after, Edwin A. Hodgson and Dr. T. F. Fox became members, and I had the pleasure of acting, in turn, for each station, though when I was put through, a good friend gave the answers for me by shaking my head, "Yes" and "No," as the occasion required, and I read the obligations from the ritual.

Our membership continued until the Lodge (No. 128) surrendered its charter some years later.

The only others deaf person in the order, to my knowledge, was the late James Simpson, who was a member of Sioux Falls Lodge.

A good beneficial order is a splendid thing for a man to belong to, but after a quarter of a century of ample experience, and still being able to hold my own as a conversationalist, I say, in all sincerity, "What's the use?"

Human nature is so constituted that it goes so far, and not a bit further. Hearing brothers in an organization will help you along. You can sit alongside the secretary and watch his notes and read his communications, as I used to do in the Elks, and in other organizations (President Veditz of this body wrote me not long ago that that's his plan in the several organizations of the hearing to which he belongs), but my experience goes to show that all this is superficial, and I would rather be Janitor of a club of deaf people—congenial deaf people, I mean, of course—than Worthy Grand High Priest of the Order of Thingumbobs, if I am one lone deaf man among a lot of hearing ones.

The reason is not hard to seek. Those who hear mean well, of course, but a legless man isn't going to take his exercise running on crutches, and we are in exactly that position when we affiliate with hearing bodies. No matter how kindly disposed the hearing men are, "we do not fit in," as some one expressed it some years ago.

Even if there are several fraters able and willing to interpret all that goes on, they tire, eventually, and it's only natural.

To be sure, there's a good deal of solid satisfaction in breaking into prohibited ranks, but most of the glory ends in having done it. I was given more than my share of committee work, and was glad of the chance to be of service, and yet by reason of my deafness I could never hold an important office, and there was the eternal prospect of always hobbling along.

Few people care to hobble along, energetic deaf people least of all.

I have been with deaf people in organizations to which they belonged. Their experience was practically the same as mine. It ranged all the way from a swell college club here in New York, to the Y. M. C. A, and the routine never varies. The deaf man never feels entirely at home; it is utterly without reason that he ever will.

The deaf man is just human enough to want to be on a par with the people with whom he associates. He nots only wants to talk, but he wants to be talked to. This is the secret of it all.

Being talked to, doesn't consist in having lead-pencil and tablet talks with hearing people This wearies.

And being talked to by one inexpert in manual spelling, gets tiresome and palls.

Real enjoyment and solid satisfaction comes in meeting on the level (and you can interpret that both literally and figuratively).

For the novelty and the solid satisfaction that comes with making precedents, and breaking down barriers, I would advise all the educated deaf everywhere to join organizations of the hearing; not only to show that they can do so, but for the pleasure and honor that goes with it.

After a while, when you have the choice of attending a conclave of your hearing organization, or having a private little confab with one likeable deaf fellow, see which you choose

Those who have not had the exprience will not take my word for it, but those who have been through the mill will confirm every word.

Mr. Wyand, of Maryland, spoke on the paper. He said the Knights of Pythias was an order that allowed the deaf to enter, and was useful to them in some respects, as they paid sick and death benefits.

Mr. Veditz said he was a member of several organizations, among them the Y. M. C. A., and derived benefits from them socially. The deaf should join such organizations for their own good.

Mr. Michaels spoke of Deaf organizations.

For want of time, the reading of the paper by Mr. L. A. Divine, of Tennessee, on "Fruit Growing as an Occupation by the Deaf," was on motion of Mr. Greener omitted and ordered printed in the proceedings of the Convention.

At this point Hon. J. Randolph Tucker, of Virginia, a former member of Congress and Director of Gallaudet College, was introduced. He had heard of the Convention here, and decided by all means to look in upon the proceedings. He extended a cordial welcome to the members to the State. His remarks were heartily applauded.

Rabbi Kalisch, one of the most prominent men of his church in the South, was here introduced, and spoke a few congratulatory and good will words to the members of the Convention.

Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, of New York, followed in the same strain, after which the Convention took a recess till morning. Members employed the afternoon sight-seeing about the grounds.

SATURDAY, JULY 6TH.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS—MORNING SESSION.

For convenience the meeting-place was transferred from the Exposition grounds to the Y. M. C. A. Hall in Norfolk, and at the appointed time of meeting (9:30 A.M.) not more than two score members were in the hall. The banquet of the evening before probably was responsible for the tardiness of members.

It was nearly ten when the meeting was called to order by the president, who asked Rev. Moylan, of Baltimore, to invoke the Divine blessing on the proceedings of the convention.

Frank R. Gray, of Pittsburg, gave the report on Literature of

the Deaf, for Mr. Olaf Hanson, the chairman of the committee. Report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF.

Shortly after the St. Louis Convention application was made to the Executive Committee for funds to print some papers already prepared. It developed, however that owing to heavy expense of printing the proceedings of the Convention there was no money in the treasury, but a deficit. This put a damper on the work of the committee, and it was felt that there was no use in preparing additional material when there was no prospect of having it printed. Consequently the committee as such has done nothing, although individual members have contributed to various publications.

A request for literature was received from North Carolina in connection with an invetigation of the school at Morgantown. With the stipulation that the committee was not to be considered as taking sides with either party to the controversy, such literature was forwarded by the chairman as in his opinion might prove useful.

A request was received from Wisconsin for the circular on Day Schools. As the supply on hand was exhausted, only one copy was sent. This was reprinted and by the courtesy of the management of the school a number of extra copies were furnished to the chairman for future use.

The following papers have been sent gratis to the chairman, for which acknowledgment is hereby made: *The Maryland Bulletin*, *The Minnesota Companion*, *The California News*, *The Kentucky Standard*, *The Ohio Chronicle*, *The Rome Register*, *The Washingtonian* and *The Association Review*. From these papers a number of clippings have been made, which it has seemed advisable to preserve for possible future use.

Three interesting papers which would be well worth printing in pamphlet form if the funds were available One entitled "Echoes of the Morgantown Convention," by Miss Fitzgerald, was written for a teachers' meeting in Wisconsin, and reprinted in the *Annals*, March, 1906, and in a number of school papers. Another entitled "Is it Beneficial for a Deaf Oralist to Learn the Sign Language," by Miss Alice C. Jennings, was printed in the *Register*, September 6th, 1906, and reprinted in several other papers. Both the above young ladies were educated by the oral method, and they bear strong testimony to the value of the sign-language. Another paper entitled "The Sign-Language has its Mission and there is no Substitute," by Mr E. G. Wyand, is a strong endorsement of the sign language. It was first printed, I believe, in the *Silent Worker*, and reproduced in the *Minnesota Companion* March 13th, 1907.

In the *Review* for December, 1905, appeared an editorial on "The Passing of the Sign Language," which brought out a spirited reply in the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL from Mr McGregor, who pertinently inquired, if as asserted "it requires little mind to learn" the sign language, why it was that hearing teachers found it so difficult to learn it. A rather lame attempt to explain his statement was made in the *Review* of February, 1906, and then the Editor invites a general discussion in the following words:

"And now let us have discussion of this point—of the whole question for that matter—with real argument offered in serious vein, and with the sole aim to elucidate the truth of the matter from all sides"

Acting on this invitation the Chairman requested several of our best deaf writers to discuss the matter in the *Review*, and also notified the Editor that some papers would be forthcoming. There seemed, however, to be a general aversion to writing for the *Review* but two or three promised to respond. After considerable persuasion the first contribution was obtained from Miss Fitzgerald. It discussed her personal experience with the sign language much along the same lines as her paper in the *Annals* already referred to. It was forwarded to the Editor with some introductory remarks by the Chairman. The Editor returned the papers without so much as saying thank you. In order to publish any paper on the sign language he then imposed certain restrictions which made it practically impossible to treat the subject in a comprehensive manner. When others who had promised to contribute were informed of the limitations their papers were withdrawn.

While the Editor quotes approvingly such expressions as "The day for the sign language is past * * *" and "The sign language is doomed," he refuses to publish "real arguments offered in serious vein, and with the sole aim to elucidate the truth of the matter from all sides." Readers must draw their own conclusions.

Statistics on the sign language have been contributed to the *Association Review* as in former years. The following is a copy of the statistics up to the present time:

TABULAR STATEMENT

Of Sign-Language in American Schools for the Deaf,

From 1900 to 1906 inclusive:

DATES.	Sign Language used.		Manual Alphabet, but No Sign Language.		No Sign Language. No Manual Alphabet.		TOTALS.	
1900, Nov. 10	8645	81.5	197	1.9	1767	16.6	10,608	100
1901, " "	8867	81.3	211	1.9	1850	16.8	11,028	100
1902, " "	8839	80.7	209	1.8	1904	17.5	10,952	100
1903, " "	9048	80.6	210	1.9	1967	17.5	11,225	100
1904, " "	9096	80.1	208	1.8	2042	18.1	11,316	100
1905, " "	8953	79.3	216	1.9	2145	18.9	11,344	100
1906, " "	9227	79.3	198	1.7	2223	19.1	11,648	100

Considerable correspondence has passed between the Editor of the *Review* and the Chairman in reference to the discussion of the sign language and the statistics in the *Review* The following letter is the latest contribution on the subject:

MR. F. W. BOOTH,
Editor Association Review,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR:—In your letter of May 3d, you say that my statistics on the sign language do not reflect the changes that have taken place in recent years. On the contrary, I think they reflect correctly the changes that have *not* taken place.

As you know the Combined System schools restrict the use of signs more or less in the class room; yet they use them for chapel services, lectures, etc. Your own statistics show clearly enough the changes that have taken place *in the class room*, but they utterly fail to show the extent to which the sign language is used *in the school as a whole*. It was to supply this information that my statistics were started, and thus furnish what is lacking in yours.

It is proper to restrict the use of sign language in the class room, provided it is used in the chapel services, lectures, etc., and is not tabooed on the play-ground. Children of ordinary mental activity get fully half their education outside the class room, and it makes all the difference in the world whether they are permitted to communicate freely with their fellows, or whether their minds are to be kept imprisoned until they can express their thoughts in verbal language.

I never saw anything so pitiful as the sight witnessed on my visit at Mt. Airy some years ago. The children were in the dining room, and like other children seemed eager to talk. But they had not acquired the language for ready interchange of ideas. When some of them ventured to use signs the supervisor with eagle eye promptly called them to time and entered a black mark against the offender's name in a book which he carried for the purpose. The quietness of the children in consequence seemed more appropriate to a funeral. What a marked contrast to the children in a combined system school, where they are allowed to express their thoughts freely and in consequence enjoy life and sharpen their wits as children have right to do. I understand that Mt. Airy is not so strict as formerly in supressing the use of signs, and for the sake of the children I am glad of it, for the sight of those children left on my mind an impression which has been painful to this day.

You say Dr. Bell knew nothing of Miss Fitzgerald's paper, and probably never heard of her. If that is so, it seems to me all the more reason why you should print her paper in the *Review*. (I will still send it to you if you will pri t it.) Miss Fitzgerald was trained in one of the Wisconsin day schools established as the direct result of Dr. Bell's efforts, and by methods advocated by him and in the *Review*. It would doubtless interest your readers to know the result of these methods from comptent testimony. Surely Miss Fitzgerald is comptent to give such testimony, because she speaks from her own personal experience, and is well qualified by education to make logical deductions. Although you raise technical objections to the paper, on the ground of inexperience and lack of pedagogic value, I cannot help thinking that if her views had been favorable to you these objections would not have counted for a moment, and that the real objection is the fact that her testimony is squarely against the policy advocated by the *Review*. In refusing to print the paper you are simply refusing to place the truth before your readers, because it does not happen to support your side of the case.

If Miss Fitzgerald were the only one thus trained who disapproves of these methods, there might be some justification in refusing to place her views before your readers. But she is not the only one by any means.

Regarding your concern as to what my statistics would show in case certain schools with oral leanings should abandon the use of the sign language, it will be time enough to consider that when we come to it Meanwhile it might remind you that schools formerly oral have after thorough investigation returned to the combined system and restored the sign language to its proper place. The Portland, Me., school is an example of what I mean.

With an endowment of $100,000 to promote the objects of the Speech Association—and incidentally to doom the sign language,—with the powerful influence of the Volta Bureau to further your cause, you have been able to reduce the number of pupils who have the privilege of learning the sign language from 81.5 per cent in 1900 to 79 2 per cent in 1906. At this rate you can readily compute how many years and how many dollars it will require to complete the "doom" of the sign language.

If the testimony of Miss Fitzgerald and others of similar experience could be laid before the parents of every deaf child deprived of the privilege of learning the sign language, I believe that not a few would insist that their children should have the benefits accruing from its use. If we had a fraction of the money used in disparaging the sign language for defending it, the statistics might show a different story. I am not without hope that means to this end may be found some day. I am not in the least worried as to the final outcome, for the American people believe in fair play. But I regret to see even so considerable a number of the deaf as at present deprived of the blessings and benefits of the sign language.

A good policy for the American Association to promote the teaching of speech to the deaf would be—Promote speech by all means, but do not make war on the sign language.

I should be glad to have you publish this letter in the *Review*, but have no expectation that you will do so.

Yours truly,
OLOF HANSON.

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON,
June 6, 1907.

In conclusion, while the present committee cannot report having accomplished anything of particular value, it is to be hoped that funds for printing and distributing literature may be available in the near future. There can be no doubt that it would be useful to have a number of papers printed and kept on hand for use as occasion might require. The question in which we are mainly interested is to prevent the deterioration or abolition of the sign language. That there is need of enlightenment in certain quarters is shown by the report of a committee of Trustees of the Georgia Institution, part of which reads as follows: "The whole case between the two methods, sign and oral, may be summed up by the simple question as to whether it is better to teach a child language that can be understood by those among whom it must live, or to teach it foreign language. The latter is what is being done by all institutions that teach only the sign language to deaf children." As pointed out by the Colorado *Index*—"If there is a school in the United States teaching 'only the sign language' to deaf children, we do not know of it." But have the Trustees aforesaid seen any of these corrections? Probably not. On learning the names of the Trustees the chairman sent them some of the circulars on hand, though not exactly covering the case. If some of the especially prepared literature were available, it would be a simple matter to send a copy to each of the Trustees in question, and they might see things in a new light. The same literature if sent to the Trustees and parents of pupils in schools having oral leanings, would doubtless produce good results.

According to report, the Superintendent of the Mt. Airy School has been traveling about the State exhibiting some of his pupils and explaining the methods of instruction. Presumably the beauties of the oral method as exemplified by a few show pupils have been exploited. If we could bring home to parents and the public the results of this same oral method and the opinion of many of those taught by it after reaching mature years, it is not unlikely that even the Mt. Airy School might be brought back to the combined system. If parents fully realized what their children lose by being deprived of the sign language, not a few would rise and demand that it be taught, with proper restrictions, even in oral schools.

OLOF HANSON,
Chairman Committee on Literature of the Deaf.

Chairman Fox, of the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following, all of which were adopted without a dissenting vote:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

The National Association of the Deaf, assembled in convention at Norfolk, Va., July 4-6, 1907, representing the general and special interests of the deaf of the United States, after careful deliberation, gives expression to their sentiments by the following preambles and resolutions:—

WHEREAS, During fifty years of active service toward advancing the moral, intellectual and temporal welfare of the deaf, Edward Miner Gallaudet, Ph. D., L. L. D., has proven himself their benefactor and friend, who has ever stood in the front for the advancement of their best interests; and,

WHEREAS, He completed a half century of continuous work as president of the College he founded, and over which he continues so ably to preside; therefore, be it

Resolved, That, expressing our heartfelt appreciation of his noble efforts in our cause, we extend to him this evidence of our most cordial appreciation with the hope that he may long be spared to us in the field of education he has so successfully administered.

WHEREAS, The plan proposed by the President of this Association, having in view the collection of an endowment fund of $100,000, and placing the Association on a solid financial basis, whereby its power for continued and productive effort may be strengthened in promoting the welfare of the American deaf, has our approval and is worthy of ouz earnest co-operation; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to act upon the suggestion.

Resolved, That, being vitally interested in the problem attending the education of the deaf, we oppose any process of instruction that tends to limit their mental and moral development, and express as our deliberate judgment a belief and confidence in the Combined System of instruction, as being the most rational, effective and successful in reaching and improving all deaf children as distinct from the few.

Resolved, That, recognizing the injury resulting from the discrimination that has lately arisen against the employment of the deaf in the Civil Service, a Committee be appointed by the president to co-operate with a similar Committee of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association in its efforts to induce the Civil Service Commission to remove this unfair and undeserved discrimination.

WHEREAS, "The Deaf and Dumb" have been grouped with those classes that it is proposedto legally prohibit from matrimony under bills drafted by a "Committee on Eugenics" to be presented to the various state legislatures; and,

WHEREAS, We do not deserve such degrading classification, and indignantly protest against this unjust and humiliating proposal; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Committee on Eugenics, looking toward the removal of the deaf and dumb from its list.

WHEREAS, The privileges of an education is the birthright of every American child which the State as its first great duty endeavors impartially to make as complete and perfect as possible, regarding it as the very foundation of the commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS. The deaf child, deficient in neither mind, nor will, nor emotion, has the same inalienable right to the same education as his more fortunate hearing brother; and,

WHEREAS, The old "asylum" or institutional "home" idea in connection with the education of the deaf is a thing of the past—the old air of mystery and secrecy surrounding the deaf and their schools rapidly disappearing—and the movement generally making over to and along the line of modern pedagogics giving schools for the deaf their proper place as part of the public-school system of the country; and,

WHEREAS, Thirty-eight and one half per cent. of the deaf over ten years of age, as against fifty per cent. of the hearing-speaking of the same age, are gainfully employed, entering into nearly every occupation pursued by the people of the United States (forty-three per cent. of the deaf if over twenty years of age); and eighty-one per cent gainfully employed of those who have had schooling, thus indicating the value of education, and further, that the deaf well perform their part of self-supporting citizens, a large proportion of whom are heads of families and possessors of homes; and,

WHEREAS, Every action and influence in contravention of this very great and highly desirable advance should be severely condemned by the deaf and their friends; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the delegates of the Eighth Convention of the National Association of the Deaf assembled at Norfolk, Va., July 4th-6th, 1907:

First—That education of the deaf on the part of the State is simply fulfillment of its duty as a matter of right and justice, not sympathetic charity and benevolence to the deaf.

Second—That schools for the deaf should not be known and regarded, nor classified, as benevolent or charitable institutions. On the contrary, they should be known and regarded, and classified, as strictly educational institutions, a part of the common school system of the State under the advisory supervision of the regular constituted school authorities, instead of being supervised by boards of charity, legislative benevolent committees, and the like, which tends to foster a spirit of dependence in the pupils and marks them as objects of charity, wards of the State, etc., which they are not any more so than children with hearing who attend the public schools.

Third—That we enter our vigorous protest against the constant association and comparsion in convention assemblies of whatever nature, and in published reports, etc., of deaf children with the feeble-minded, the epileptic, the insane, the incorrigible, the physically deformed and diseased, in inmates of penal institutions and others of like classes, generally referred to as "defectives," a term which we resent as opprobrius when applied to the deaf, used as it commonly is to designate mental, moral and physical degeneracy.

Fourth—That for the furtherance of more complete emancipation from the thraldom of the past, with its ill conceived and false notions concerning those who cannot hear, or hear but imperfectly, we recommend the appointment of a committee of five to work for its attainment, and earnestly urge agitation of the matter upon the part of every member of the convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be expressed to the retiring Secretary and Treasurer for the careful and conscientious manner in which they have performed the exacting duties of their respective offices.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be expressed to the Hon. H. St. George Tucker, and the Jamestown Tercentennial Directorate for the numerous courtesies extended to our members.

Resolved, That we present our appreciative thanks to the Mayor and Council of the City of Norfolk for aid extended to the Local Committee.

To the Local Committee for its splendid arrangements for the meetings of the Association.

To the Virginia Association for the magnificent reception given the delegates at the Atlantic Hotel.

To the Y. M. C. A., of Norfolk, for the use of its hall.

To the Managers of the Exposition for courtesies shown the Association.

To Dr. J. E. Ray for his excellent work as interpreter for the Association.

To the president of the Association, and the retiring officers for their untiring labors for the good of the Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be extended to Hon. Reno S. Harp, an Attorney-at-Law, Frederick City, Md., for the volunteered service he has rendered the deaf of America in partly overcoming the existing prejudice which excluded them from certain Fraternities by removing the barrier which heretofore prevented them from entering the ranks of Knights of Pythias.

THOMAS FRANCIS FOX,
J. W. MICHAELS,
A. B. GREENER,
E. CLAYTON WYAND,
ALBERT BERG.
Committee.

The report of the Executive Committee, through its chairman, Mr. Veditz, was then presented and approved.

When amendments to the Constitution came up, there was a motion made by Mr. Cloud to refer them to a committee of five, and have it revise the Constitution and By-Laws, and report at the next meeting of the Association. After discussion, participated in by Messrs. Veditz, Cloud, Berg, Fox and Wyand, the motion was defeated.

The amendment changing the election of officers from the first day to the last day of the convention meeting, was adopted.

The second amendment was agreed to. Also the third.

The fourth brought forth a great deal of discussion, but won in the end.

(All these amendments were published in a previous issue of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL)

Action on the report of the Committee on Federation of the Deaf, was deferred till next meeting.

Mr Allabough, from the Auditing Committee, reported the accounts of the treasurer correct, and the report was agreed to

The president was given extended time to choose the members of the various committees, and report same through the deaf press.

On motion of Dr. Fox, the Executive Committee was authorized to consider the application of the Colorado deaf to hold the convention at Colorado Springs, in 1910.

Mr. Douglas Tilden extended an invitation for the convention to meet in Seattle; and Mr. Wyand to Baltimore.

The Secretary read a telegram from Mr. Olaf Hanson, extending greetings to the convention from the Puget Sound Association.

The Secretary was authorized to extend the thanks of the Association to Mr. Hanson.

After transacting some minor business, the convention adjourned *sine die*, the members repeating the Doxology with Rev. J. W. Michaels.

THE BANQUET.

The banquet of the National Association of the Deaf, in honor of Edward Miner Gallaudet, was held at the Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk, on the evening of July 5th.

The time was set for ten o'clock in the evening, but delay was caused because there were one-third more tickets sold than covers ordered, so it was eleven before the service of the courses began.

The dining hall was most beautifully decorated, ivy vines and rustic scenery making the walls and ceiling look like a leafy bower. Following was the menu:—

MENU.

Boullion en Tasse

Virginia Pickles French Olives

Broiled Ocean View Spots Matre d'hotel

Saratoga Chips Iced Cucumbers

Chicken Patties a'la Creme

Banana Fritters, Sauce Cognac

Filet of Beef, Larded aux Champignons

Green Peas Pommes Duchesse

Lettuce and Tomatoes

Neapolitan Ice Cream Assorted Cakes

Imported Swiss Crackers

Mocha

When the ices were served, Toastmaster Veditz introduced the speakers in a most felicitous vein, and each and all responded in a way to cause enthusiasm and jollity. Following is a list of toasts and responses:—

TOASTS

George W. Veditz, Toastmaster

"Now mingle with the friendly bowl,
The feast of reason and the flow of soul."—*Pope.*

The Man We Honor, Edward Miner Gallaudet, Benefactor of the Deaf.....
.....Thomas F. Fox

"Blessings and prayers in nobler retinue,
Than sceptred king or laureled conqueror knew,
Are his forever."—*Anon.*

The National Association.....J. H. Cloud

"Our aim, oh brethren, is still, still to rise
By mountains piled on mountains to the skies."
—*Essay on Man.*

Virginia, the Mother State.....S. C. Jones

"In joys, in grief, in triumphs, in retreat,
Great always without aiming to be great."
—*Roscommon.*

The Founders of Our Nation..... J. S. Long

"They
Wrought with a sad sincerity,
Themselves from God they could not free,
They builded better than they knew,
For from their work our country grew."
—*Emerson.*

The Press.....E. A. Hodgson

"If there's a hole in a' your coats,
I rede you tent it;
A chiel's among ye takin' notes,
And, faith, he'll prent it."—*Burns.*

The Ladies.....N. Field Morrow

"O! Woman, wisest, brightest, best,
Knows all man knows, can guess the rest;
Knows all man knows, and in addition,
Knows everything by intuition.—*Anon.*

"Auld Lang Syne."

It was two o'clock in the morning when "auld lang syne" was sung by the assemblage.

The committee in charge of the banquet deserve much praise for their work. They were Messrs. William C. Ritter (Chairman), George W. Veditz (*ex officio*), Charles A. Bruce, Thomas M. Jenkins, John L. Randolph, S. Clarence Jones, Arthur G. Tucker, Joseph H. Heeke.

CONVENTION NOTES.

There were nearly if not quite a hundred and fifty on the day boat from Washington to Norfolk, on Wednesday morning, July 3d All of them had seen the sun rise that morning, as a six o'clock breakfast was necessary in order to catch the boat They might just as well have breakfasted at nine, because it was eleven o'clock before the boat started The delay was caused by a broken cross bar of the engine,

An immense crowd was aboard, and at noon and evening meals they had to stand like cattle in a driveway at the stock yards in order to get past the roped stairway to the dining saloon. Their patience was sorely taxed, and the almost insolent treatment of one or two of the waiters did not conspire to make them any happier. However, the sail was fine, and Fortress Monroe was reached at eleven o'clock at night and Norfolk a little after midnight.

Most of the deaf went to the Atlantic Hotel, but many were obliged to look for other lodgings, as they had not reserved rooms and the hotel was full. Two, who had reserved rooms, were obliged to put up with cots in one of the parlors. The hotel people were very attentive to their deaf guests, and the ubiquitous Ritter was busy giving help and information from early dawn till midnight during the stay of the convention delegates.

The sail in Hampton Roads on the evening of July 4th, past the battleships, torpedo boats and cruisers of Uncle Sam, was a fine treat. All of the ships were beautifully decorated with their outlines made distinct by electric lights that were trained along hull and smokestack, mast and turret, till they resembled one blaze of glory.

Many of the delegates went to Virginia Beach on Saturday afternoon. This beach is about twenty miles from Norfolk and has splendid bathing and amusement facilities.

A goodly number went to Jamestown Island, forty miles up the James River, on Sunday, July 7th, to see the ruins of the first church erected in the United States of America, and to participate in the services to be held specially for the deaf.

There was quite an exodus from Norfolk on Saturday evening. President Veditz and Dr. Fox took the night boat for Washington.

The Sunday day boat for Washington had quite a number of the deaf on board, and the trip was most delightful. As the steamer entered Chesapeake Bay, just after leaving Fortress Monroe, a school of propoises was sighted and caused much excitement and interest among the passengers. They were big and fat, probably six to eight feet long, and as the boat neared them, they leaped into the air, described an arc and then plunged into the bay to reappear and repeat the performance at distances of thirty or forty feet.

Among the deaf on board the Sunday day boat were Prof. and Mrs. W. O. Branum, Misses Callie Stoner, Nora Pattey, Edna Locke, Etta Steinberg, Fannie Johnson, Mollie Winkle, Fannie Tenton, Ruie Durley, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kennedy, Byron Boyd, Jamie H. Becton and Cleveland Martin, all of Tennessee; Henry C. Kohlman, of New York; Miss Bessie Engleman, of Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. Irby Marchman, of Connecticut; Mr. and Mrs. Ferd. Harrison, of Washington, D.C.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosenthal, of Racine, Wis.; Miss Iona Tade, of Kansas; Simon Mundheim, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Daniel Tellier, of Michigan; Leonard Dickerson, of Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Worley, who were on their bridal tour and will make their home in Pittsburg, Pa.

The excursion to Great Falls, Va., on Tuesday, July 2d, was a grand and successful one in every respect—if we except the doleful fact that Miss Ethel Zell, of Columbus, O, lost a gold watch which has not been recovered. A fine luncheon was served under the trees, from which a full view of the falls and the turbulent rush of the water could be had. The entire cost of the trip and the luncheon was only twenty cents to the Alumni, so some one must have spent a lot of money in their behalf, as the luncheon was a fine one and worth three times the cost of the tickets.

Throughout the meeting of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association and the National Association of the Deaf, only the most splendid weather was experienced, for which, and other blessings, let us be thankful.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Virnstein living at 1434 Georgia Avenue, S. E., are now rejoicing over a visit from the "Good Old Stork." After spending the evening, 2d inst, at Mr. and Mrs. Boswell's on S. Carolina Avenue, and having a good time in general till midnight, Mr. and Mrs. Virnstein walked home a distance of 12 blocks, and at 2 in the A.M. took a ride to Provi ence Hospital, where the "Stork" arrived three hours later and left, as the nurses call him, a ten-pound "Buster boy." Mrs. Virnstein and son are doing well, and expect to be home to friends after the 17th inst. Their night nurse, Miss Gately, of Boston, Mass., is an expert at finger spelling.

Mr. Virnstein is still employed by "Uncle Sam" as a machinist at the Naval Gun Factory. He has recently invented and applied for a patent on what he terms—A "Silent Door-bell"—for deaf-mutes and hard of hearing people. This "Silent Door-bell" will soon be on the market at such a small price as to be within reach of all deaf people.

BELLEFONTE, PA.

Messrs Geo. M. Ponnessmith and Alfred Hockley, of Williamsport, visited Mr. and Mrs. John Leepard, on East Lamb Street, recently.

William Strunk, of Howard, was a visitor of John Leepard two weeks ago.

John T. Leepard, Alfred Hockley, George M. Ponnessmith and Wm H. Riegle had a pleasant trip to Fishery's Hatchery last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leepard and children and William H. Riegle visited State College about three weeks ago.

Mr. Burns Crider returned home after a business trip to Altoona, Pa.

Mrs. Burns Crider has been suffering with rheumatism for the past few weeks.

William H. Riegle has accepted a position with Montgomery & Co., leading merchant tailors, where John Leepard works.

John Leepard and Wm. Riegle expect to go to Howard, to visit Mr. William Strunk, soon.

The deaf had a picnic at Altoona, Pa., July 4th.

John T. Leepard has been offered positions as tailor from other places, but has declined them all. He is a skilled tailor, and prefers to work where he is at present—Bellefonte, Pa.

NOTICE.

The Annual Picnic of the Reading Deaf-Mute Mission, will be held on Saturday, July 20th, 1907, at Mineral Springs. All are welcome. To reach Mineral Springs, take cars on Penn Street. Games for prizes, etc.

BORN—June 29th, 1907, to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Black, Belpre, O., a nine-pound boy.

Teaching English by Gestures.

Teaching English by gestures is a new feature in public school work that is not down in the list of studies.

The "system" came with the Russian colony, ten months ago, and now many a child that never heard English until he landed at Ellis Island, and never tried to say an English word until a few weeks ago, reads and writes English well, though not fluently, and stands as a monument to the benefit of individual training.

The Utah and Amelia Street schools have the education of most of the Russians, the Chinese who attend public school, the Mexicans and a few Spanish. The little Russians are a bright lot of boys and girls, and add a picturesque appearance to the foreign rooms.

When a child can talk English its work in the primary room is little. But when the child must be taught every word and letter and accent he cannot go into the higher rooms until the mastery is complete.

Thus teaching English to foreigners fails to the primary teacher.

It is an interesting sight in the foreign rooms. There little Bonita, with her shiny black braids and soft Spanish eyes, sits beside a long-eyed Japanese, and opposite Ivan and Katya from the Russian colony. Bonita is gay in her reds, while the Russian tots look like figures from pictures of the peasantry of Europe.

Katya wears a gown to her shoe tops, scant, unfrilled, but with a row of crotcheted lace about the bottom; her bodice is tight, and in stead of a hat, a doubled kerchief is tied over her light braids. Ivan wears long straight trousers, a short jacket above the waist line, and his flannel shirt hangs below the jacket.

A Russian class at the Amelia Street School is interesting. There are two Mexicans in it. Some of the Russians have been in the class a month, others a week, one but a day. They know no English.

The teacher lines six children in a row.

"Every morning I wash my face," she says, pretending to wash her face.

The children pretend to wash their faces. Next they wash their hands. They learn the English for their fingers and faces, neck, knees, feet, by touching the body while calling the parts.

They learn what "baby" means by pretending to rock a child in the arms. "To chop wood" is illustrated by a pretence at wood chopping; to "help mama" is illustrated in many divers ways, and "play" is understood in the same way Gradually the children learn the meaning of a word when it is spoken. The older children learn to read first, while the younger ones, who have no self-consciousness, readily learn to talk.

The teacher picks up a little Russian while teaching the tots, and at length they all come to understand one another. The children learn to write quicker than anything else, and this and their spelling is as good as that of any American child, as soon as the Russian child can understand English.

When the child understands enough to join in the lessons he is put into the next higher room, and so on until he is stuyding in the American classes. There are four of the foreign rooms in the Amelia Street School.

Ten months ago there was scarcely a Russian in Los Angeles. Now the city is flooded with them. Two months ago the last colony arrived. That many children from the last arrivals are now well along in the first grade proves the efficiency of the system of "sign teaching."

School to the Russian is a novelty, and they enjoy every minute of it. If they are called from a room they insist on hastening back. They are eager to learn, which may be one reason they go ahead so rapidly.

There is a flag drill, and the children are taught to salute the flag every Monday morning.—*Los Angeles Record.*

Catholic Church Notices.

St. Francis Xavier's, 30 West 16th Street—Instruction and Services on Sundays in the College Hall, at 3:30 P.M.

St. Rose's, 165th Street, west of Amsterdam Avenue—Services and Catechism on Sundays at 9 A.M.

St. Vincent Ferrer's, Lexington Avenue and 66th Street—Services and Catechism on Sundays at 9 A.M.

JERSEY CITY—St. Peter's, 144 Grand Street, Services and Instruction in the College Hall, at 3:30 P.M., on the first Sunday of the month.

Under the direction of

REV. M. R. MCCARTHY, S. J.

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PHILADELPHIA.

News items for this column should be sent to James S. Reider, 1538 North Dover Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

July 8th, 1907– John Reynolds, 16 years old, mute, of 2423 Meredith Street, was the victim of what some children considered a Fourth of July joke. He was sitting on the door-step of his home when the children stealthily placed two packages of fire-crackers in his coat pocket. These they lighted, and then ran.

The explosion caused the boy's clothing to take fire. Neighbors went his aid and extinguished the flames. The boy was badly burned and was taken to the Garretson Hospital.

The above was reported in one of the City dailies last week.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. Orvis Dantzer, the Rev. Harry Van Allen, of the Central New York Diocese, presided at All Souls' Church on Sunday afternoon, June 30th. Being a former Philadelphian, he was warmly welcomed by those of the congregation who knew him and regret was expressed that his coming had not been announced in time, as others would undoubtedly have been pleased to see him again.

Rev. Mr. Van Allen was accompanied to this city by his wife and they prolonged their stay for a week.

Sunday, July 7th, Rev. Mr. Van Allen assisted the Rev. Mr. Dantzer in administering Holy Communion and aga'n preached the sermon. He leaves for New York to-day (Monday.)

Commencing with Sunday, July 7th, the time of service at All Souls' was changed to 10:30 A.M., as in former years. This change is to continue until Fall. There will be no afternoon service during the Summer, except possibly one during the State Convention.

On Saturday, July 13th, All Souls' will hold a family or parish picnic to which all are invited. The place chosen for the picnic is the woods in the East Park at the Oxford Street entrance. The Columbia Avenue cars run to a point right opposite to the woods, and several other lines of cars run so near that the place is easily reached and at no more cost than the trolley fare. No charge will be made for attending the picnic. We would, however, advise all to bring lunch as there will be no edibles on sale at the picnic. Those who fail to provide themselves in this way may have to go a square in search of something and then only find light stuff. Excellent water will be found close at hand. Let all come prepared and feel as free as the birds to eat, play, and enjoy a good time. There will be no blue rules or programme to follow for games, but all may play as they please, the one wish being that "all be as merry as they can"

Following the picnic in the East Park, there will be a meeting of the Philadelphia Local Branch at All Souls' Hall in the evening, July 13th. At this meeting preparation will be made for the coming convention. All who can should attend.

On Friday evening, June 28th, Miss Deborah H. Marshall was tendered a surprise party in honor of her birthday by a few friends, at the residence of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Dantzer.

After a flower guessing, the rest of the evening was spent in a social chat by all. Then all were treated to ice-cream and cake. It was a most enjoyable affair.

Miss Minnie Housekeeper's mother died last month. Minnie was a pupil of Mt. Airy School. She left this city yesterday for Quakertown, to live with her brother who is married. Her friends were sorry to see her depart from here.

Mr. Andrew Donaldson, of Pittsburg, has generously sent in his membership fee in the P. S. A. D. and added a contribution of three dollars for the Home. Thanks!

The excursion of the Delaware County Local Branch and friends to Woodland Beach on Saturday, July 6th, came off quite successfully and satisfactorily. The trip was made on the iron deck steamer Thomas Clyde, sixty miles down the Delaware River. A few hours were spent at the Beach and the steamer reached home at about 8:15 P.M. Many Philadelphia deaf attended this excursion. The proceeds will be given to the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf at Doylestown. Harrison Yoder, of Reading, John McDonough, of Scranton, Mrs. Bowden and Miss Bowden, of Connecticut, were among the party.

Rev. James H. Cloud, of St. Louis, Mo., is expected to preach at All Souls' Church next Sunday morning (July 14th.) The service will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

Charles Baeder, 15 years old, a deaf-mute, who during the vacation season made his home with the Children's Aid Society at Newark, N. J., was mangled to death under a Central Railroad train near Frederick Street this evening. He was walking on the tracks.—*Phila. Record, July 6.*

Miss Ethel Collins, of Barnegat, spent several weeks in Camden, N. J.

OHIO.

[News items for this column may be sent to our Ohio News Bureau, care of M. A. B. Greener, 993 Franklin Ave., Columbus, O.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 6—A. B. G., the veteran correspondent being away in the East attending the Gallaudet College Alumni Reunion and the National Convention of the Deaf, this week's budget of news is supplied by another hand.

James M. Byrns, who entered the Home from Cincinnati last March, died there on the Fourth, of consumption. He was by no means well, when he came to the Home, and rapidly failed till death claimed him. He was a bachelor, aged about fifty years, and was always a good man. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. Patterson this afternoon, and interment was made in the Home lot in the local cemetery.

The father of Mrs. J. W. Jones died of softening of the brain, in Huntsville, O., last Monday morning, aged nearly seventy-three years. Five or six years ago he fell off a load of fodder at his former home in Kentucky, and received injuries on the back of his head, which no doubt led to the cause of his death. The funeral took place Wednesday, and Mrs. Jones' friends here did not forget her in her sorrow.

Messrs. Wingate and Herman Smith, being no longer needed in the cleaning work of the Institution, left for their homes last Monday.

Messrs. Elasco Burcham and Clifford Rose were laid off till September 1st, and both have gone home to spend their vacation.

Wm. Arras, of the painting force, went to his home last week to help celebrate his father's birthday, returning Friday to resume his work.

Messrs. Neutzling and Showalter are now assisting the carpenter in the work needed about the Institution. They will have plenty of hard work to do, for it is expected to lay down new maple flooring in nearly all of the girls' wing. The benches in the B hall on both sides have been taken out and placed in the recreation rooms, and new pine wainscoting will take the place of the benches.

Mr. James Shepperd, well-known to our deaf, who has been lately a collector for one of the telephone companies, will sever his connection with the company on the 15th, inst., and depart for Birmingham, Ala., to live. That city is the former home of his wife, who has never become acclimated to our State, and it is on her account that he goes there. He will engage in business with his brother-in-law. Our best wishes go with him.

Mrs. Showalter has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. McGregor this week, and to-day goes to the Home for a few days' visit. After this she will go to Dayton to stay till her house there is disposed of.

Mr. Charles leaves, next Tuesday, to join his family in Michigan. He expects to spend a month with them by a quiet little lake near Flint.

Messrs. Leib and McGinness are enjoying a two weeks' vacation during repairs and alterations in their rolling mill.

Mr. and Mrs Zorn returned last week from their visit in Northern Ohio. To-morrow Mr. Zorn goes to Cedar Point to get ready his camp, and his family will follow a week later. Misses Lamson and Edgar and others will also set up camps there after July 14th.

A division of the Fraternal Society of the Deaf has been organized in this city. The members and officers are: C. C. Neuner, President; Walter Wark, Vice-President; C. M. Rice, Secretary; Thos. McGinness, Treasurer; A. Kingry, Sergeant-at-arms; T. F. Goldsmith and Albert Bannan. Mr. McGinness was elected delegate to the coming convention in Cincinnati, with Mr. Bannan as alternate. Mr. Geary was in the city to assist in the organization.

Chester Huffman is doing well in a printing office at his home in Mingo Junction, near Steubenville, O.

John B. Taylor, one of the pupils, is a pressfeeder in a printing office in Middletown, O.

Wm. J. Suddath, who was called to Tennessee by the death of a deaf uncle last March, has returned to the city. Although he was raised in that State, he found it necessary to return north for the sake of his health. He has employment on Mt. Vernon Avenue.

All honor to the heroes of this story from to-day's *Citizen:*

Two deaf and dumb boys proved themselves heroes at a West Side fire Friday afternoon when they saved the life of an aged colored woman, who was paralyzed and alone in the house, with the exception of a little girl.

The fire was at the home of Thomas Thorton, a barber, residing at 1048 Pervience Street. His aged mother and little daughter were alone in the house, his wife being down street.

The blaze was discovered by George M. Ziegler, Jr., and he, with the help of John Abie, of Cleveland, who is visiting him, carried the aged crippled woman to a neighbor's house. They then called the fire department and carried much of the furniture out of the house.

The firemen saved the main portion of the house, after the kitchen had been burned away.

Young Ziegler is a son of General G. M. Ziegler, visitors' attendant at the State House.

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The Gallaudet Memorial.

It is proposed to create a memorial to the late Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, D.D., by the erection of a Parish Building for St. Ann's Church for Deaf-Mutes. The present Church is situated on 148th Street, just west of Amsterdam Avenue, and is built some twenty-five feet back from the line of the street to permit the erection of such a building as above indicated, which will form a facade to the church edifice and be a center of religious and social life amongst the silent peoples. Dr. Gallaudet hoped during his lifetime to see the erection of this building, which would have completed the church with which his name has always been associated. This was not permitted, and it is suggested as a most fitting memorial to him that this work be now undertaken. St. Ann's Church is used wholly for the deaf-mutes.

The new building will occupy a plot of ground about forty-five feet along the street front and twenty-five feet in depth. It will be three stories in height, with a basement, and will be used for the social, religious and industrial needs of the deaf-mutes of New York. The amount required for "The Gallaudet Memorial Parish Building" will be about $30,000, and the building itself, in its position and purpose, will form a conspicuous monument to him whose life was devoted to the silent peoples. They themselves heartily endorse the memorial.

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TWENTY-FIRST CONVENTION.

Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE.

To be Held at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, on August 29, 30, 31, and September 1 and 2.

The Twenty-first Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, will be held in the chapel of Wissinoming Hall, Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Pa., for the purpose of hearing reports, electing four Managers to serve three years in place of the retiring Managers, whose terms will expire at this Annual Meeting, viz: B R. Allabough, J. S. Reider, G. M. Teegarden, and E. D. Wilson, and celebrating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Society with appropriate ceremonies on AUGUST 29, 30, 31, and SEPTEMBER 1 and 2, 1907.

The Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, through its Superintendent, Dr. A L. E. Crouter, has kindly invited the Society to have the use of Wissinoming Hall for the holding of this meeting, and the delegates to be entertained at the low price of one dollar per day.

DAILY PROGRAM.

Thursday, August 29—Morning Session at 10 o'clock

1. Prayer
2. Address of Welcome by A. R. Montgomery, Esq., one of the Vice-Presidents of the Board of Directors of the Institution.
3. Reply to the Address of Welcome, by the President of the Society, Mr. James S. Reider.
4. Annual Address by President Reider.
5. Annual Report of the Board of Managers.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Announcement by the Committee on Arrangements.
8. Recess at noon.

Afternoon Session, at 2 30 o'clock:

1. Introductory Remarks by the President of the Society.
2. Report of the Treasurer of the Society.
3. Report of the Board of Trustees of the Home.
4. New Business.
5. Addresses by members and others.
6. Recess.

Evening Session at 8 o'clock,—Public Meeting.

1. Prayer.
2. Introductory Remarks by the President of the Society.
3. Oration by Prof. B. R. Allabough, of Western Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Edgewood Park, Pa.
4. Address by Dr. A. L. E. Crouter Supt. of the Institution.
5. Addressess by members and others.
6. Resolutions, if any.
7. Adjournment.

Friday, Morning Session, August 30, at 9:30 o'clock.

1. Prayer.
2. Introductory Remarks by the President of the Society.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Reports of Local Branches.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Addresses by Members and others.
8. Recess.

Afternoon Session, at 2:30 o'clock.

1. Reports of Committees.
2. Unfinished Business.
3. New Business.
4. Addresses by Members and others.
5. Recess.
6. The Convention will be photographed by Mr. Charles Partington, Chairman of the Delaware County Local Branch.

Friday evening, August 30:

Reception in Wissinoming Hall to all members by Dr. and Mrs. Crouter, 8 to 12 o'clock.

Saturday Morning Session, August 31, at 9 o'clock.

1. Prayer.
2. Introductory Remarks by the President of the Society.
3. Election of four new Managers, in accordance with the charter.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business, if any.
7. Re-organization of the Board of Managers.
8. Addresses by member and others.
9. Announcement by the Committee on Arrangements.
10. Adjournment *sine die*, at 10:45 A. M.

At 11 A. M. Trip to Doylestown.

PROGRAM AT THE HOME.

1. Prayer.
2. Introductory Remarks by the President of the Society, Jas. S. Reider.
3. The burning of the Mortgage. It will be in charge of R. M. Ziegler, of Philadelphia, assisted by B. R. Allabough, of Wilkinsburg, Pa.
4. Address by Prof. John P. Walker, Supt. New Jersey School for the Deaf, Trenton, N. J.
5. Address by Wm. Stuckert, Esq., of Doylestown, one of the Trustees of Home.
6. Address by E. A. Hodgson, of New York, Vice-President of the Trustees of Gallaudet Home.
7. Addresses by members and others.
8. Luncheon.

Round trip tickets—Adults, $1.00; Children between five and twelve years of age, 45 cents.

Special train will leave Mt. Airy Station, 11:15 A.M. Arrive at Doylestown about 12:30 P.M. Returning, leave Doylestown about 5 P.M.

Further particulars will be made known at the meeting.

Saturday evening, 8 o'clock:

A Lecture of Shakespearean reading for the benefit of the Home—Subject and by whom to be announced latter. Admission tickets, 25 cents.

Sunday, September 1 — General Meeting at 10 A.M.

1. Prayer.
2. Introductory Remarks by the President of the Society.
3. Topic for Discussion—"Local Branches and Organizations," by Thomas Breen of Philadelphia, John M. Rolhouse, of Pittsburg, R. M. Barker, of Johnstown, Chas. J. Butcher, of Lebanon, Chas. L. Clark, of Scranton, Chas. Partington, of Ridley Park, and other members.
4. Topic for discussion (time permitting)—"Annual Donation Day and Amusements for the benefit of the Home," by B. R. Allabough, R. M. Ziegler and other members.
5. Adjournment.

The rest of the day will be devoted to sight seeing, etc.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2 (Labor Day)—ALL DAY.

All Pennsylvania Deaf will give a benefit picnic for the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf at a place to be announced later. Those coming from other States will be cordially invited to join them.

The picnic will be under the auspices of the Philadelphia Local Branch through its Committee, which will will be announced later. Further particulars to be made known at the meeting.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

Arrangements have been made with the authorities of the Institution to accommodate those proposing to attend the Convention.

Board per full day	$1.00
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Members expecting to attend the meeting should apply for a room at the Institution. They should let the Secretary know by postal card.

If you are not already a member of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, send in your subscription without delay, to the Treasurer, George T. Sanders, 7418 Boyer Street, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia. Annual dues, one dollar for men and fifty cents for women. Blank form of Application for Membership in the Society can be obtained by addressing the Secretary.

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The Committee on Arrangements, consisting of R. M. Ziegler, Chairman, Thomas Breen, E. D Wilson, G. T. Sanders and R. M. Barker, will do the best it can to make this occasion one of pleasure for all.

Any desired information may be obtained by addressing the Secretary.

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Prof. John E. Crane, of Hartford, Conn., and a native of Maine, is expected to be with us, and to give a lecture on Saturday night. Further particulars will be announced in the JOURNAL, and circulars by about the first of next July. Come, one and all. All are welcome to this convention.

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At 9:30 A.M. opening Session.

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Thursday — Grand Excursion on Steamer "Louise" to Tolcheeter Beach. Leave Baltimore 8:30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Bathing, dancing, rowing, etc.

Friday—9:30 A.M. to 2 P.M., Business Session B. C. C. A.
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